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Adopt-A Neighborhood Plan

Our preliminary talks with the Ecumenical Ministry Committee of Church at the Crossroads pointed out the need for more exchange between our two organizations with the purpose of deepening and broadening the scope of our work together.

This is a proposal that can be introduced at our December 8th meeting with the Crossroads special Board committee.

Context: Historically, the church has demonstrated its compassion for innocent suffering through its missionary efforts. Responding to the moral issues of its time, it has provided hospitals, schools, orphanages, and training programs. Today, fifteen percent of us control the health, the wealth, the education, the technical know-how, the means and resources of production, and the other essentials for the good life: while eighty-five percent live without these benefits. This is the paramount moral issue to which the church must address itself. As the rich become richer and the poor continue to become poorer, the Twentieth Century church is searching for an effective way to enable the poorest of the poor around the world to have a more human existence.

Intent: This brief describe a unique opportunity for direct involvement on the part of the membership of Church at the Crossroads. The Neighborhood Adoption Program is a call to help a neighborhood become self sustaining and self reliant. It would also serve as a model for other churches to carry out their urban ministry or "home mission work".

Financial Support

Program: Investment of a specified number of dollars and/or staff time to work on specific projects. In this case Joe Thomasberger would be working on housing rehabilitation for 70% of his time. There also is a need for dollars to start a revolving fund to get the rehabilitation under way.

Consultants: Members of the Crossroads have a wealth of technical skills that could be used to train neighborhood people in such areas of need as home improvement, office procedure, tutoring of children and adults. Activities could take place any time of day or week that is feasible for both.

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Visitor Exchange: Members of the Crossroads could regularly visit the neighborhood to see what progress is being made. Tri-City members could also participate in church sponsored programs at the Crossroads.

Youth: Youth from the church and the neighborhood could jointly work on improvement projects in the neighborhood. There would also be opportunity for joint recreational activities as well.

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